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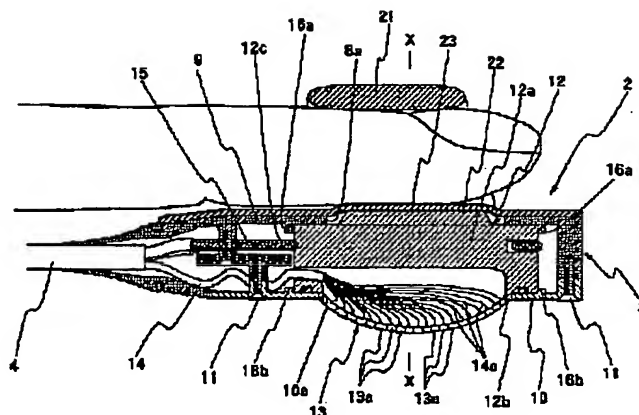
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ABSTRACT : **PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To enable the correct direction of a vibrator array to be always recognized by an operator without the necessity to see a monitor by providing an angle display part which makes the operator feel and recognize a rotating angle position for a rotating member connected to the vibrator array through the sensation of a finger introduced through a finger holder.

SOLUTION: A ring-like finger holder 21 is provided on an opposite face to the side on which a vibrator array 13 for the scan head part 2 of an ultrasonic probe is set, and a finger is introduced into the finger holder 21 in such a state that the underside of the finger is brought into contact with the scan head part 2 side to conduct an ultrasonic scan. Further, the vibrator array 13 is brought into contact with a body surface. In addition, a rotation operating lever is operated to rotate a pulley 12 and thereby, a direction in which the cross section face of a body tissue obtained by the ultrasonic scan is set is rotated. Consequently, a protruding strip 22 provided on a pulley 12 rotates, so that the direction of the protruding strip 22 can be recognized by the sensation of a hand through a flexible sheet 23 covering the opening part 8a of a body casing part 9.

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